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SUBJECT: DRC- DRAFT MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE

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1. DRC/ WP(73)4(REVISED), POUCHED, WILL BE TAKEN UP BY DRC ON MAY 21.

2. WE FIND NEW VERSION A CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER FIRST DRAFT. PLEASE NOTE THAT REFERENCE IN PARA 1 OF TEXT TO MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE OF 1966 SHOULD READ 1967; FOOTNOTE SHOULD READ DPC/ D(67)23 ANNEX II.

3. WE ARE REVIEWING THREE ALTERNATIVE RESOURCE LEVELS (PARA 31) WITH INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO DETERMINE IMPACT OF EACH AND WILL REPORT RESULTS. IN MEETING OF 7 MAY LARGE MAJORITY FAVORED THIRD ALTERNATIVE, NOT SO MUCH BECAUSE IT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY COUNTRIES, BUT RATHER BECAUSE IT REPRESENTS NO CHANGE IN MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE.

4. WILL SEND OUR VIEWS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IN SEPTTEL. WOULD CONFIDENTIAL

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APPRECIATE OVERALL WASHINGTON VIEWS IN TIME FOR DRC MEETING ON MAY 21.

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